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RAT-TRAP

SURE IT'S LIKE A RAT-TRAP! AND THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO...
ONE COURSE LEFT TO YOU...



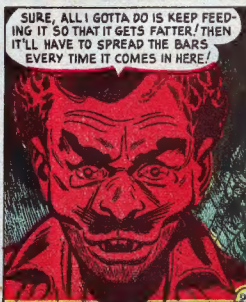
BUT AT LEAST YOU'RE NOT ALONE! AT LEAST YOU HAVE COMPANY...EVEN IF IT'S NOT TO YOUR CHOOSING!



FINISHED WITH HIS MEAL, THE RAT HAD JUST ONE THOUGHT IN MIND... *ESCAPE!*



BUT THE RAT HAD SERVED ITS PURPOSE! IT HAD PLANTED THE SEED OF AN IDEA... AN IDEA WHICH WOULD LEAD TO...



AND SO THE PRISONER PUT HIS PLAN INTO OPERATION AND THE SCAVENGER, URGED ON BY THE PANGS OF HUNGER, RESPONDED...



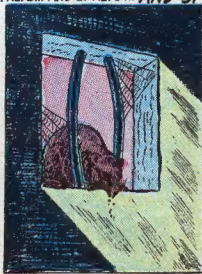
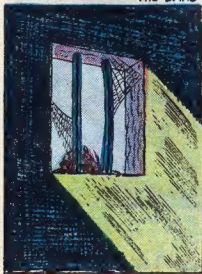
HAVING EATEN ITS FILL, THE RAT TURNED TO LOOK BACK AT ITS BENEFACITOR...NEITHER ONE REALIZING THE IMPORTANT ROLE THEY WERE TO PLAY IN EACH OTHER'S LIVES!



NOT YET, BUT SOON! HURRY BACK, MY LITTLE FRIEND...MY PATIENCE IS WEARING THIN!

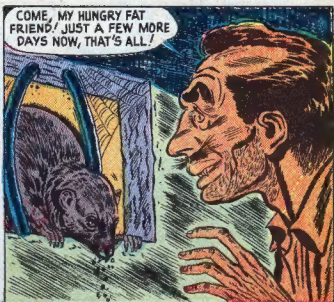


AND THE DAYS PASSED AND TURNED INTO WEEKS, AND THE WEEKS PASSED AND TURNED INTO MONTHS...AND THE BARS SPREAD... AND SPREAD... AND SPREAD!





ALMOST WIDE ENOUGH! GOOD THING THEY HAVEN'T NOTICED THAT I'VE BEEN LOSING WEIGHT!



COME, MY HUNGRY FAT FRIEND! JUST A FEW MORE DAYS NOW, THAT'S ALL!



HAVE PATIENCE, MY FURRY FAT FRIEND! OUR SERVANT IS LATE TODAY!

BUT THE GUARD WAS IN NO HURRY... BESIDES, HE HAD MANY HUNGRY MOUTHS TO FEED!



OKAY, CHARLIE, HERE'S YOUR GRUB!

WHAT THE... IT'S ONLY A BOX... WHERE'S THE FOOD?



I THOUGHT I'D DO YOU A FAVOR, CHARLIE! I SPOKE TO THE DOC ABOUT YOU LOSING SO MUCH WEIGHT! HE SAID IT WAS PROBABLY BAD PRISON FOOD... AND FOR YOU TO TAKE THOSE VITAMIN PILLS FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS, INSTEAD!

THE VITAMIN PILLS WERE ALL-RIGHT FOR CHARLIE, BUT WHAT WAS THE HUNGRY FAT RAT TO EAT...

YOU CAN'T STOP A HUNGRY CRAZY RAT! YOU SPOILED HIM, CHARLIE... BETTER FIND SOME FOOD FOR THE FAT RAT BEFORE HE...



THE RAT WANTS FOOD, BUT WHERE IS HE GOING TO GET IT...?



...NEVER MIND, CHARLIE... HE'S FOUND THE ONLY PIECE OF FOOD LEFT IN THE RAT-TRAP...

YOU!

THE END

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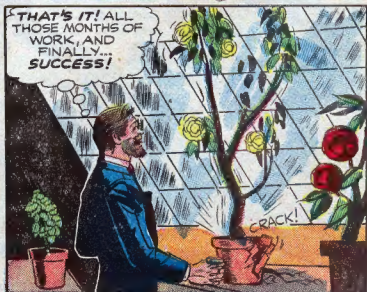
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POWER! TO TAKE OVER THE RACKETS FROM THE **BIG BOYS!** BUT YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT **POWER!** YOU'RE TOO WRAPPED UP IN THOSE WEEDS OF YOURS!

"THE GOOD DOCTOR STAGGERED AS DRAGO'S WORDS BIT INTO HIM. HE DRANK HEAVILY TO STEADY HIS NERVES... DRANK HEAVILY OF HIS PLANT-REVIVING FORMULA..."

C'MON, DOC, BACK TO THE FLOWER BEDS FOR YOU! I WANT THOSE ROSES IN TIP-TOP SHAPE FOR THE SHOW NEXT WEEK!

THAT WASN'T **WATER!** I JUST DRANK! IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE NEW FORMULA! BUT IT CAN'T DO ANY HARM, THERE'S NOTHING POISONOUS IN IT!



NOW REMEMBER
WHAT I SAID ABOUT
FIXING THESE BEDS
UP! I WANT THIS
PLACE TO HAVE
CLASS!

YOU WOULDN'T
UNDERSTAND ABOUT
CLASS, DRAGO!
THAT'S SOMETHING
YOU'LL **NEVER**
HAVE... BECAUSE YOU
CAN'T **BUY** IT!

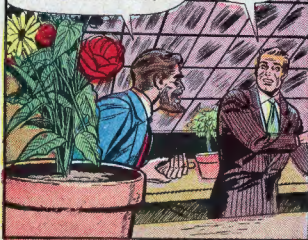


YOU'RE A **FOOL**,
DRAGO...BUT...
**OOH, I'VE CUT
MYSELF!**



DON'T STAND THERE
LIKE A **FOOL**, DRAGO...
GET ME SOME **SULFA**
AND COMPRESSES!

SURE,
DOC...
SURE!



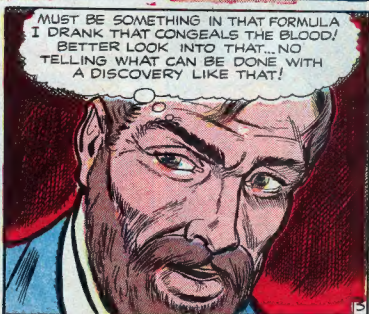
SOMETHING DOESN'T
SEEM RIGHT ABOUT
THIS CUT! I KNOW...
THERES...



...**NO
BLOOD!**



MUST BE SOMETHING IN THAT FORMULA
I DRANK THAT CONGEALS THE BLOOD!
BETTER LOOK INTO THAT...NO
TELLING WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH
A DISCOVERY LIKE THAT!





"A FEW MINUTES LATER DRAGO RETURNED WITH THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES..."



...CAN'T QUITE FIGURE THIS OUT... BUT I GOT A HUNCH THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG HERE!

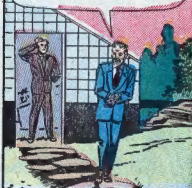
HEY! YOU'RE NOT BLEEDING! THERE'S NO BLOOD!

JUST YOUR IMAGINATION! I WIPED THE BLOOD AWAY BEFORE YOU CAME BACK!

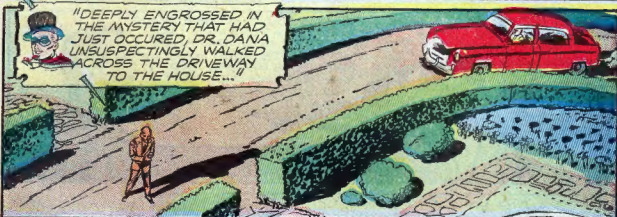


BETTER NOT LET HIM GET TOO SUSPICIOUS!

I'M GOING BACK TO THE HOUSE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS, DRAGO! I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CLEANSER THE WOUND!



"DEEPLY ENGROSSED IN THE MYSTERY THAT HAD JUST OCCURRED, DR. DANA UNSUSPECTINGLY WALKED ACROSS THE DRIVEWAY TO THE HOUSE..."

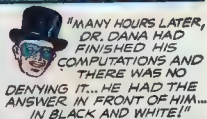
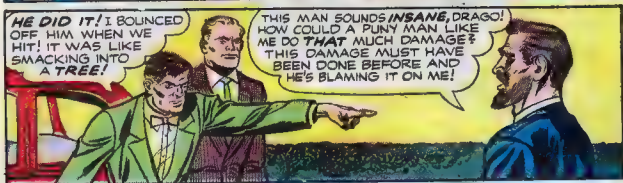
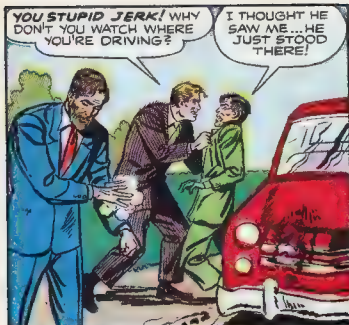


HEY, DOC! WATCH OUT!



BUT DRAGO'S WARNING CAME TOO LATE FOR THE ABSENT-MINDED DOCTOR!



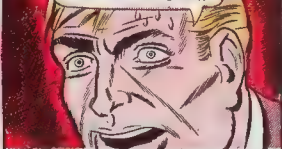


WHO'S THAT? OH, IT'S YOU, DRAGO... WHY YOU'RE DRIPPING WET!

YEAH...YOU'VE BEEN SO BUSY THAT YOU DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE THE STORM BLOWING UP!



BUT I AIN'T HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER! I KNOW ALL ABOUT THAT FORMULA OF YOURS... **I SAW YOU DRINK IT!** THAT'S HOW COME YOU DIDN'T BLEED WHEN YOU CUT YOURSELF! AND THAT'S WHY THE FRONT OF THE CAR WAS SMASHED IN WHEN IT HIT YOU! **IT'S ALL TIED UP WITH THAT FORMULA!**

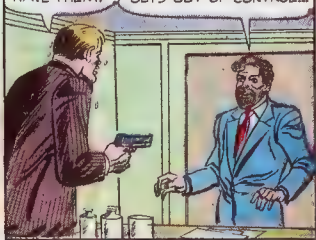


DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT FORMULA MEANS TO ME? IT MEANS... **POWER!** ONCE I GET THAT STUFF, NOTHING CAN STOP ME... **NOTHING!**



I WANT THOSE NOTES, DANA... AND I AIM TO HAVE THEM!

BUT YOU **CAN'T!** YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS FORMULA MEANS... IF IT GETS OUT OF CONTROL...



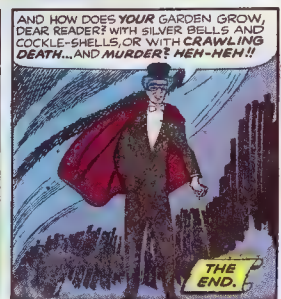
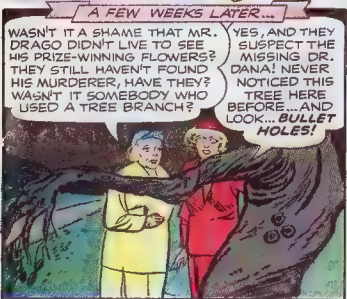
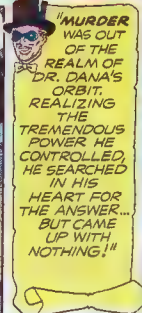
I KNOW BETTER THAN **YOU** WHAT IT MEANS... **POWER!** AND YOU AIN'T STOPPING ME **NOW!**



WHA-? THOSE BULLETS HAD NO EFFECT ON HIM! NOW I **KNOW** I GOT TO HAVE THAT FORMULA!

AND I KNOW I CAN'T LET YOU... **NOT NOW!**





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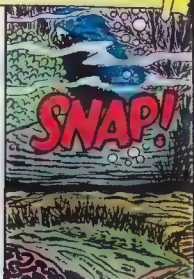
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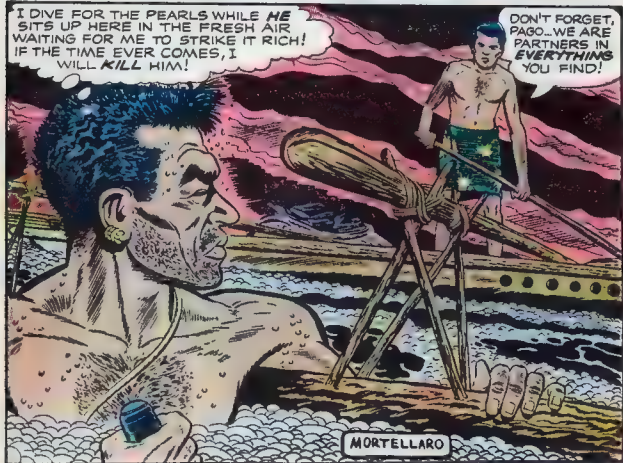
IT STARTED WITH A DISTURBANCE ON THE OCEAN FLOOR...



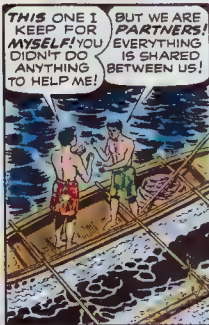
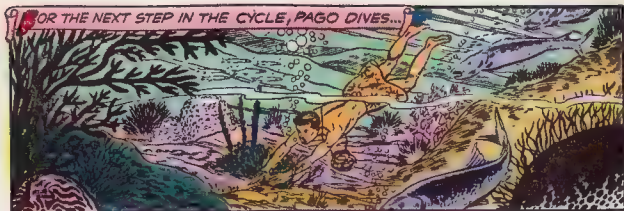
The SMALLEST AND MOST INSIGNIFICANT OF EVENTS SET A TRAIN OF CONSEQUENCES IN MOTION WHICH ACT AND REACT UPON THE DESTINES AND FATE OF MEN!

I DIVE FOR THE PEARLS WHILE **HE** SITS UP HERE IN THE FRESH AIR WAITING FOR ME TO STRIKE IT RICH! IF THE TIME EVER COMES, I WILL **KILL** HIM!

DON'T FORGET, PAGO...WE ARE PARTNERS IN **EVERYTHING** YOU FIND!



MORTELLARO



WITH HIS NEW-FOUND WEALTH, THE NATIVE HAD JUST ONE THOUGHT IN MIND...TO CELEBRATE!

ANOTHER DRINK... AND DON'T WORRY, I HAVE PLENTY TO PAY WITH!

OKAY, FELLA... YOU NAME IT... I'LL SET 'EM UP!



AND NOW THE SECOND LINK IN THE CYCLE WAS FORGED...

COME, MY FRIEND, LET ME BUY YOU A DRINK NOW... YOU HAVE SPENT TOO MUCH ALREADY!

THIS DIVER MUST HAVE STRUCK IT RICH... AND SOON IT WILL BELONG TO ME!



AND A FEW DRINKS LATER...

SLEEP, MY FRIEND, SLEEP! AND NOW LET ME RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR PROBLEMS... LET THEM BE MY PROBLEMS NOW!



AND THE PROBLEMS WERE ENLARGED AS THE CYCLE GREW EVEN LARGER...

D'YA SEE WHAT FATSO JUST DID?

YEAH... SWIPED A PEARL THE SIZE OF AN EGG FROM THAT NATIVE! C'MON, NOW IT'S OUR TURN TA TAKE IT FROM HIM!



HERE HE COMES... ARE YA READY?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME... I'M STILL THE BEST MUGGER IN THE ISLANDS!



...BUT PUDGY DIDN'T GIVE UP THAT EASILY... NOT WITH AT LEAST \$50,000 IN HIS POCKET!



I HAD TO KILL HIM... THE GUY JUST WOULDN'T GO DOWN!

AW, FORGET IT... LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THIS PELLET... IT WAS WORTH IT!



JUST LOOK AT IT...IT'S
WORTH 50,000 BUCKS...
IF NOT MORE!



BUT AT THAT INSTANT
ANOTHER LINK IN THE
CYCLE TOOK PLACE...

HALT!!

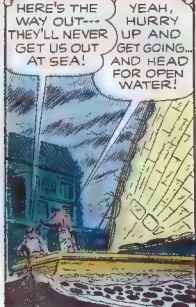
COPPERS!
C'MON, LET'S
GET OUT OF
HERE!



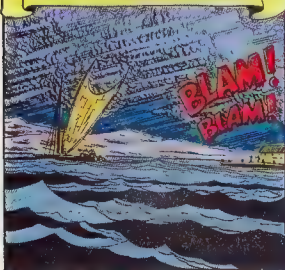
...AND STILL ANOTHER PART
OF THE CYCLE TOOK PLACE!!

HERE'S THE
WAY OUT---
THEY'LL NEVER
GET US OUT
AT SEA!

YEAH,
HURRY
UP AND
GET GOING...
AND HEAD
FOR OPEN
WATER!



IN A FEW MINUTES THE THUGS
HAVE PUT OPEN WATER BETWEEN
THEM AND THEIR PURSUERS!

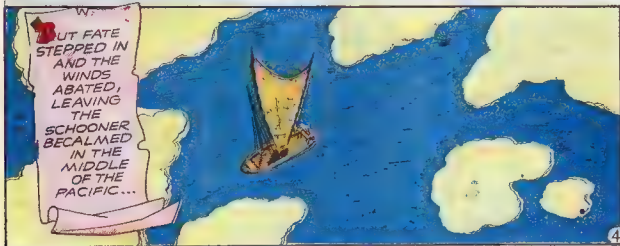


HEAD THIS THING
FOR MALAYA...AIN'T
NOBODY GONNA STOP
US THERE!

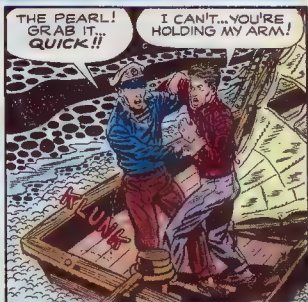
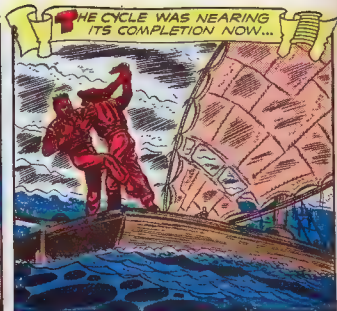
YEAH...THEN WE
CAN UNLOAD
THIS PEARL!



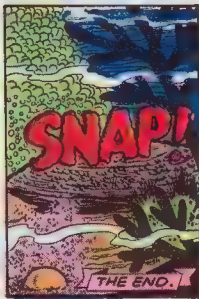
BUT FATE
STEPPED IN
AND THE
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ABATED,
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OF THE
PACIFIC...



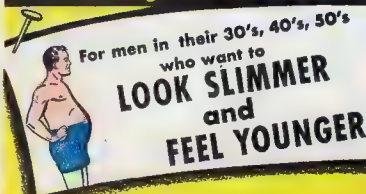
... AND THE CYCLE CONTINUED TO MOVE ON.



AND SO THE CYCLE ENDED... AND BEGAN ALL OVER AGAIN!



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THE WORM TURNS

Doctor Barker took the official communique from the messenger, read it, then tore it into tiny pieces and slowly let them drip from his fingers into the littered wastepaper basket. Turning to his young assistant, Clint Reese, he said "Doesn't look good, Clint . . . as a matter of fact, things look pretty bad!"

Young Reese turned from the microscope he was working at with the question he had been waiting all morning to ask.

"What is it, Doctor? Have they found the answer yet?"

The old scientist tugged at his beard before answering. Finally he shrugged his shoulders.

"No sense in trying to hide anything from you any longer. Before morning the rest of the world will have the news anyway. We tried to keep it secret in order to avoid panic hoping that we would conquer the menace before it got out of hand. But we're up against a stone wall, Clint . . . doesn't seem to be anything we can do anymore!

"Menace? What menace? What's all the secrets you've been trying to hide from me for the past few weeks?"

"Well . . . it all started when you caught that disturbance on the seismograph a few weeks ago. Remember?"

"Oh yes . . . a disturbance somewhere in Canada, wasn't it?"

"Yes, and because of the great proportions of the disturbance, we sent scientists up there . . . actually it took place right outside of Hudson's Bay."

"Oh that's too bad . . . anybody hurt? What did you find up there anyway?"

"Well, it wasn't any earthquake!"

"Then it must have been a shifting of the Earth's crust."

"No, tests proved that wasn't it either!"

"Then what caused it . . . you don't get a movement in the Earth's surface without a reason for it."

"Yes, there was a reason. A reason that's too fantastic to believe. Tests were made by all leading scientists and the only conclusion that could be drawn is that some type of organism strange to man is digging itself toward the Earth's surface!"

"Organism? Oh come off it, Doctor . . . how can there be anything living under the Earth's surface? Especially at the temperature we know to exist! It's just not possible!"

"No, it isn't possible for life to exist at those temperatures . . . at least not as we know it. But this apparently is not life as we know it . . . this is something strange and alien to modern man!"

"It is dangerous . . . can this thing be controlled?"

"We don't think so . . . from all indications, this is giant pre-historic worm which we have aroused from its metamorphosis. Scientific recordings show that this type is carnivorous . . . a meat-eater!"

"But what is being done about . . . can't we prevent this, or, thing from ever becoming dangerous?"

"Not at the present time . . . it hasn't reached the surface yet. And until it does we just have to sit and wait."

"Here?"

"No . . . we're leaving immediately for Hudson's Bay to supervise all defensive operations. Better get packed and meet me at

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**THEY
SAW
THE**

LIGHT



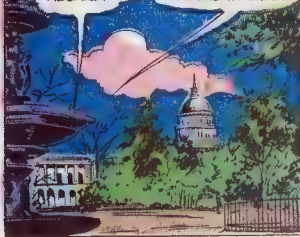
IT'S UP IN THIS AREA, GIL... REPORTS KEEP FILTERING BACK TO US ABOUT VAST QUANTITIES OF URANIUM TO BE FOUND THERE. YOU KNOW WHAT SUCH A SUPPLY COULD MEAN... AND WE WANT YOU TO FIND IT!

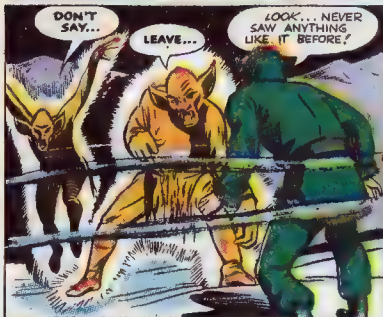
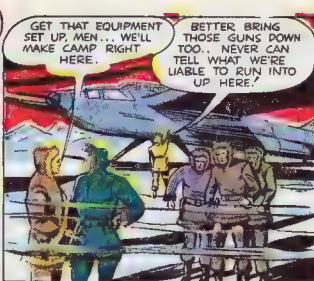
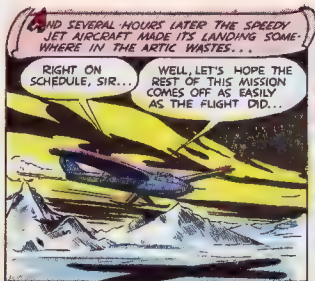
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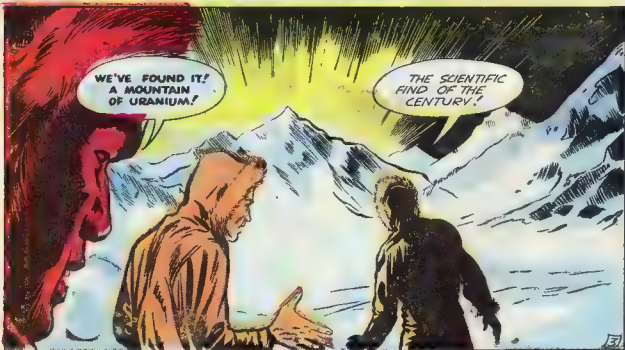
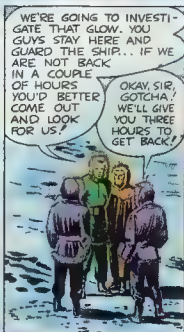
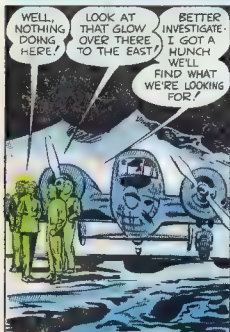


IMMEDIATELY! YOUR CREW AND SHIP ARE WAITING FOR YOU TO COME ABOARD!

GOOD! THEN WE'LL BE TAKING OFF AS SOON AS I PUT SOME AFFAIRS IN ORDER!









THIS IS
100% PURE
ORE..
FABULOUS!

AND IT'S
SOLID CLEAR
THROUGH!

YOU CAN
SAY THAT
AGAIN..
THIS IS
TOUGH
DIGGING!



AN HOUR LATER..

WAIT!
WE'VE BEEN
EXPOSED TO
THE RADIO-
ACTIVITY FOR
OVER AN HOUR..
WE'D BETTER
GET OUT OF
HERE FOR
A WHILE!

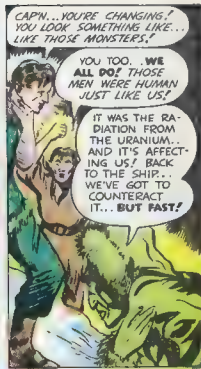
YOU'RE
RIGHT!
START
GETTING
THAT
EQUIP-
MENT
TOGETHER..
WE'LL COME
BACK LATER!

GOOD..
WAS
BEGINNING
TO FEEL
FUNNY
ANY-
WAY!



JUST A
LITTLE BIT
FURTHER NOW...

HURRY..
GOT TO
GET TO
THAT
ANTIDOTE!



CAP'N...YOU'RE CHANGING!
YOU LOOK SOMETHING LIKE..
LIKE THOSE MONSTERS.

YOU TOO.. WE
ALL DO! THOSE
MEN WERE HUMAN
JUST LIKE US!

IT WAS THE RADI-
ATION FROM
THE URANIUM..
AND IT'S AFFECT-
ING US! BACK
TO THE SHIP..
WE'VE GOT TO
COUNTERACT
IT... BUT FAST!



QUICK
INTO THE..
AARRGGHH!

MORE MONSTERS..
BUT THEY CAN'T
GET PASTED US!

YEAH, BUT
THE CAP'N
WILL WANT
HEAR ABOUT THIS!



TOO BAD
THEY DISAPPEAR
LIKE THIS... BET
THE DOC WOULD
LIKE TO EXAMINE
THESE MONSTERS!

AWW, WE'LL
PROBABLY
RUN INTO
SOME MORE
OF THEM
UP HERE..
MAYBE WE
CAN CAPTURE
ONE FOR HIM!



C'MON, THE
THREE HOURS
ARE UP..
BETTER START
LOOKING FOR
THE REST OF
THE PARTY!

GUESS YOU'RE
RIGHT...
MAYBE THEY
RAN INTO
SOME OF
THOSE
MONSTERS.

BETTER HEAD
TOWARD THAT GLOW-
THAT'S WHERE
THEY SAID THEY WERE
GOING!

THE END

THE WORM TURNS...CONT'D...

the International Airport in two hours. The Army has a transport waiting for us!"

Three hours later the silver-winged transport was winging its way Northward over the virgin forests of Canada. A short time after that, Doctor Barker and his young assistant were met by the Commanding General in charge of Operation: Earthworm.

The scientist and the Army officer shook hands and quickly headed toward the well-guarded "Alert" area. An MP stopped the jeep as it approached the barbed wire enclosure, then snapped to attention as he recognized the occupants of the vehicle. Doctor Barker and Clint Reese stepped passed the Army guards and headed toward the group of scientists that were grouped around a huge circle of broken clods of earth. Already bits of the ground were sagging inward as the "Worm" came closer and closer to the surface!

"Well, what about it, Doc, where do we go from here?" the General said.

"Not much longer to wait . . . we'll just have to see what happens when it finally reaches the surface."

"But I'm not waiting for you scientists to make up your minds . . . I'm bringing in those tanks and artillery pieces right now!"

Then it happened!! The earth heaved and shuddered, and then fell back on itself as a mile wide crater formed. From the deep recesses of the hole came hisses and snorts as daylight slanted downward.

The men ran forward and peered down into the hole. Far below them they could see a dark slithering mass.

"That thing must be twenty feet wide!"

"And fifty-feet long!"

"Bring that artillery up here . . . we're gonna blast it before it can get to the surface and do any harm!"

The soldiers rushed to bring the artillery pieces into position, but before they could,

a dark slimy head twisted its way out of the hole and crushed a Sherman tank under its weight!

"Fire those things before it gets out any further!"

The cannons crashed as they pounded shell after shell into the hole! And finally the smoke cleared . . . but the monster was unhurt! The munitions had no effect!

The General huddled with Doctor Barker as the huge worm continued to edge itself out of the crater.

"What now?"

"I don't know . . . but this thing is dangerous! I recognize the type, and if it gets out of hand there's no telling what it will do! You've got to destroy it!"

"There's only one way to do that . . . CLEAR THE AREA!"

A few minutes later the territory was empty of personnel and high above a huge bomber droned.

Inside the bomber the bombardier squinted through the cross hairs of his bomb sight, made a few adjustments, pulled a switch and shouted . . . "BOMBS AWAY!"

The odd shaped bomb hurtled earthward, then exploded as it struck. The familiar mushroom shape billowed above the target area and from an observation post a mile away the General grinned as he squinted through binoculars.

"Well, it won't live through that . . . that's our latest ATOMIC BOMB!"

Doctor Barker tugged at his ear lobe as he watched the cloud spread over the area. "Better wait till we can see better . . . that THING is pretty rugged."

"Aww, it's only a WORM . . . just an oversized worm, that's all!"

Yes, it was only a worm, and like all worms it reacted the same way. And when the smoke finally did clear they saw the monster on the ground . . . cut in several bleeding sections . . . and all crawling off in different directions! The worm had turned!

EGYPT IS MODERN TODAY. THERE ARE NO MORE MYSTERIES AMONG THE MUMMIES AND TOMBS AND ANCIENT RUINS. AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT **ROBERT MORGAN** THOUGHT WHEN HE ARRIVED IN THIS AGE-OLD LAND OF CURSE! HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF THE...

SARCOPHAGUS OF SANDOLA!



My Flashman

I AM AHMOND, FROM HOTEL. YOU ARE MISTER ROBERT MORGAN, NO?

YES, AND I HOPE MY VACATION WILL BE AS EXCITING AS THE TRAVEL FOLDER'S SAID!

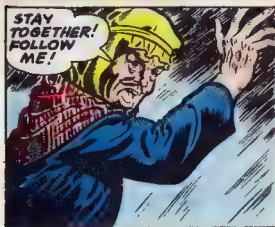
ROBERT DECIDED TO TAKE A GUIDED DONKEY TOUR THE NEXT DAY...

STAY CLOSE IN THE DESERT, EVERYONE. IT'S EASY TO BE LOST IN THE TRACKLESS WASTES!





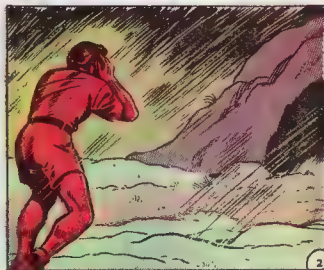
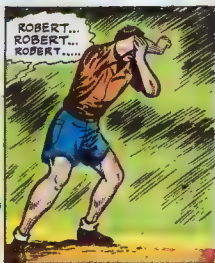
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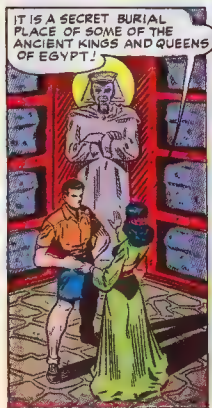
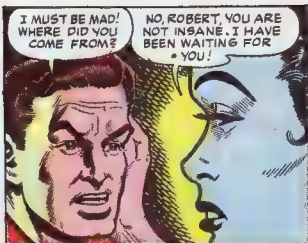


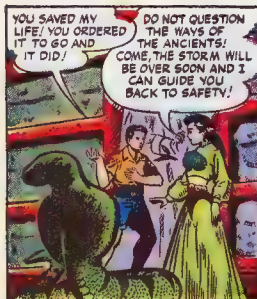
BUT BLINDED
BY THE
WHIPPING
SANDS, BOB
BECOMES
SEPARATED
FROM THE
GROUP...



AFTER
WHAT
SEEMS
AN
ETERNITY,
A VOICE
WHISPERS
THROUGH
THE
RAGING
STORM...







YOU SAVED MY LIFE! YOU ORDERED IT TO GO AND IT DID!

DO NOT QUESTION THE WAYS OF THE ANCIENTS! COME, THE STORM WILL BE OVER SOON AND I CAN GUIDE YOU BACK TO SAFETY!

IT IS DARK BEFORE THEY ARRIVE NEAR THE TOWN...



THERE IS THE TOWN!

I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO THANK YOU ENOUGH.



HOW WONDERFUL! WHAT IS IT?

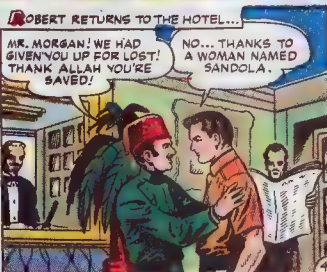


IT'S ONLY A CIGARETTE LIGHTER, THE MAGIC OF US MODERNS! PLEASE TAKE IT AS A GIFT!

A FEW SECONDS LATER, ROBERT REALIZES THAT SANDOLA HAS DISAPPEARED...



SANDOLA! SANDOLA!



ROBERT RETURNS TO THE HOTEL...

MR. MORGAN! WE HAD GIVEN YOU UP FOR LOST! THANK ALLAH YOU'RE SAVED!

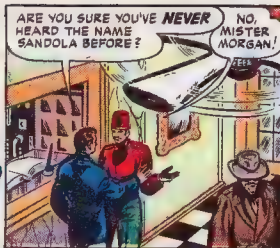
NO... THANKS TO A WOMAN NAMED SANDOLA.

THE NEXT MORNING, ROBERT QUESTIONS AHMOND...



ARE YOU SURE YOU'VE NEVER HEARD THE NAME SANDOLA BEFORE?

NO, MISTER MORGAN!

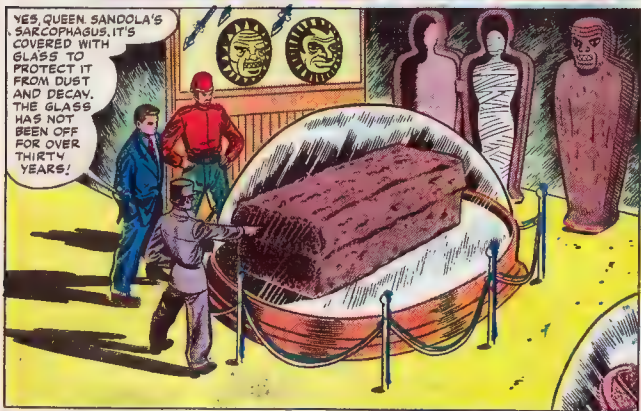


IT'S REDICULOUS, SIR, BUT THERE WAS A QUEEN BY THAT NAME TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO! HER SARCOPHAGUS IS IN THE MUSEUM HERE!

I MUST SEE IT!!



YES, QUEEN SANDOLA'S SARCOPHAGUS, IT'S COVERED WITH GLASS TO PROTECT IT FROM DUST AND DECAY. THE GLASS HAS NOT BEEN OFF FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS!



LOOK! LOOK THERE!



MY CIGARETTE LIGHTER!



THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE MACHINE AGE INVADES ANCIENT EGYPT! THE UNEXPLAINED MYSTERIES OF THE EAST CANNOT BE EXPLAINED BY THE METHODOICAL MIND OF MODERN MAN... OR CAN THEY? HMM??



THE END

BLACKHEADS "PET HATE"

Say Men, Girls in Choosing Date

What a "black mark" is the blackhead... according to men and girls popular enough to be choosy about dates!

"Nobody's dreamboat!" "Nobody's date bait!" And that's not all that's said of those who are careless about blackheads. But blackheads ARE ugly! Blackheads ARE grimy! And they DON'T look good in close-ups!

So can you blame the fellow who says, "Sure, I meet lots of girls who look cute at first glance. But if, on that second glance, I see dingy blackheads, it's *good night!*"

Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you—are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of other widely attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are... and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them... if they *want* to!

"He-Man" Often Guilty of Blackhead Crime

Take your "he-man"... super at track, games, sports of all kinds... who thinks that after just a shower he's ready to go anywhere! And won't the girls all admire his muscles!

Sure they would! But not many dance floors are set up for hurdle races! You can't show off your snappy left hook when only cokes are in the ring. The "he-man" who's also clean-cut, will get the breaks wherever he is.

Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "slips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

TAKE THESE TIPS TO BANISH BLACKHEADS

Keep skin clean by washing morning and night with warm, almost hot, water. Use good soap and plenty of it. And finish with cool water.

Extract every blackhead as soon as you see it—with a SAFE extractor. Don't use finger nails. Don't squeeze. That may mean infection, injured tissues, a marred skin.

Just be careful! Be quick! And be safe! That's easy! And that's ALL!



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